RITUAL

OF THE

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

CONTAINING THE

Opening Ceremony, Protection Degree, Closing Ceremony, Installation and Instituting Services, Unveiling of Monuments, Funeral, Burial, Dedication and Cornerstone Services

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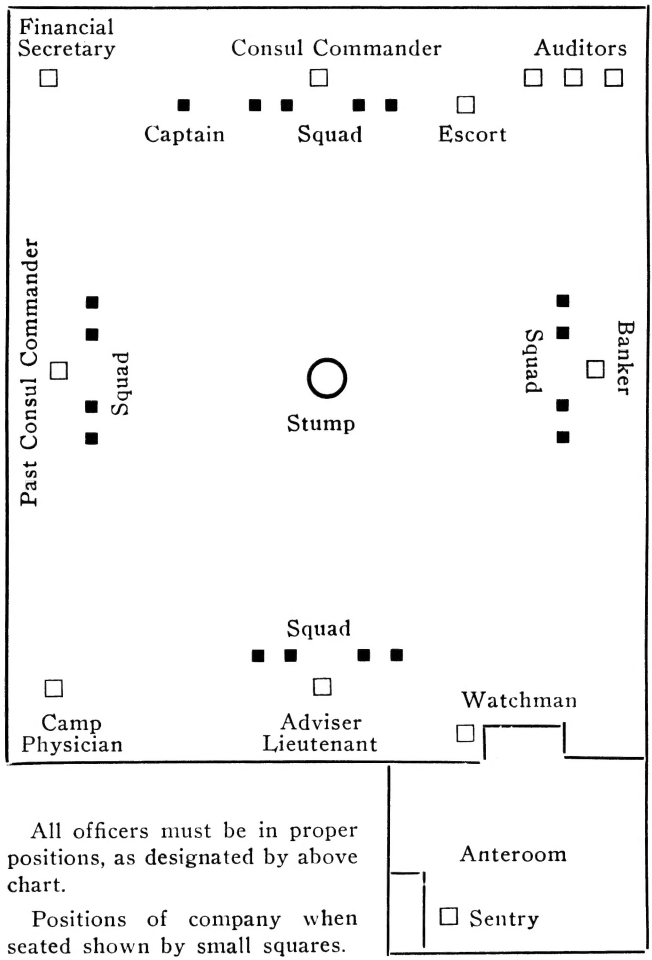
CHART OF THE FOREST



All officers must be in proper positions, as designated by above chart.

Positions of company when seated shown by small squares.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Opening Ceremony.
2. Roll Call of Officers.
3. Reading Unapproved Minutes.
4. New Applications.
5. Report on Applications.
6. Balloting on Applications.
7. Ceremony of Introduction.
8. Does Any Member Know of a Sick or Unfortunate Woodman?
9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees.
10. Bills and Communications.
11. General Business.
12. Elections and Installations.
13. Social Entertainment.
14. Financial Secretary's Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances.
15. Banker's Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances.
16. Closing Ceremony.

OFFICERS' ROBES AND MAKE-UP

Past Consul Commander—Green Patriarchal robe, with suitable trimmings, wig, beard, cap and staff, to represent an aged man.

Consul Commander—Red robe, with suitable trimmings and cap.

Adviser Lieutenant—White robe, with suitable trimmings and cap.

Banker—Purple robe, with suitable trimmings and cap.

Escort—Blue robe, with suitable trimmings and cap.

Watchman—Blue robe, with suitable trimmings, cap and pike-pole.

"DUM TACET, CLAMAT"

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

OPENING CEREMONY

FOREST PREPARATION BY ESCORT

1. U. S. flag back of Consul Commander's station. 2. Stump at station of Past Consul Commander, Consul Commander, Adviser Lieutenant and Banker, and near center of Forest. (See Chart, page 2.) 3. On the Consul Commander's stump the beetle, goblet of water and Constitution. On Adviser Lieutenant's stump the axe. On Banker's stump the wedge. On center stump an imbedded axe, helve pointing to Adviser Lieutenant's station. 4. Pike-pole for Watchman at inner door.

Consul Commander.

[At hour for opening Camp, gives one rap with beetle and says:]

The officers will take their stations and the Sovereigns will be seated. The Escort will now exact the semi-annual words from

every person present and report the names of any not having same.

Escort.

Consul Commander, I will search the Forest, and permit none to remain except he be a qualified Sovereign.

[Escort shall receive the semi-annual words from all present and the Captain of the Company in the anteroom must vouch for every member of the Company to the Escort. Any unable to give the semi-annual words shall be reported to the Consul Commander, who may instruct them in same, if the members are in good standing. Visiting Sovereigns must present either a recognition card, last receipt for assessment and the words or mystic word or tests if required.]

Escort.

Consul Commander, I have obeyed your command and find all present qualified to sit with us (if any without the words mention names and say:) except————.

Con. Com.

[After disposing of all not giving the words, gives two raps with the beetle, which calls the officers to their feet.]

The officers will now retire for robing.

[If no degree team is in attendance the officers need not retire. A degree team is composed of the Camp officers and a Company of the Uniform Rank.]

[The Past Consul Commander, Consul Commander, Adviser Lieutenant, Banker, Escort and Watchman salute at the stump and retire and robe as quickly as possible and re-enter the room, escorted by the Company as per the following instructions. Before retiring the Consul Commander and Adviser Lieutenant should each ask some Sovereign to temporarily occupy their stations.]

Company.

[The Company is formed in column of twos, axes at the "carry" in the anteroom facing the door.]

[The Captain abreast of and on the left of the leading two, with the Camp Officers in the rear of the Company in column of twos from right to left in the following order: Past Consul Commander and Consul Commander; Adviser Lieutenant and Banker; Escort and Watchman. At the command, "Forward—march," the Company and Officers march into the hall, and when nearly opposite the stump, at Banker's station the column changes direction toward the Past Consul Commander's station without command, passing to the left of the stump, and when the leading two have arrived within two paces of the Past Consul Commander's station the Captain signals "Halt." At second signal the Company "faces in"; at third signal each man takes two back steps (of 15 inches each), and at fourth signal raises and crosses his axe with the man opposite him (arms fully extended and on a line with handle of axe, at an angle of about 45 degrees—axes do not touch), at the same time advancing his right foot 15 inches. The Past Consul Commander then passes under the axes to his station. At a signal the Company resumes the "carry axe" (first coming to the "port") and replaces the right foot beside the left; at the next signal steps one pace (of 30 inches) to the front, and at next signal faces the officer just seated. The Captain then commands or signals "Forward, column left—march," and conducts the

column to the Adviser Lieutenant's station, changing direction to the left, passing close to and to the right of the stump; halts the column two paces in front of the Consul Commander's station. The same signals are then given and the same positions taken as at Past Consul Commander's station. The Consul Commander then assumes his station, the Captain presenting him with the emblem of his office. The column is then reformed, and at the command or signal, "Forward, column left—march," is conducted in front of the Past Consul Commander's station and near the stump, halting it in front of the Adviser Lieutenant's station where the signals and ceremonies of seating the Adviser Lieutenant are gone through with. The column is again reformed and conducted around the room past the Banker's and Consul Commander's stations, and when in front of the Past Consul Commander's station changes direction to the left, so as to pass close to and to the right of the stump, and halts in front of the Banker's station, when the Banker, Escort and Watchman pass successively under the crossed axes to their stations. The Company is reformed in column and passing three-fourths of the way around the room with axes at the "port," is formed in line by the command or signal "Twos left—march," and is halted directly in front of the Adviser Lieutenant's station, facing the Consul Commander. The Captain then commands, "Right dress—front." At the command "Front," Nos. 1 and 3 of each squad take one full step to the front. The Captain then commands, "Present arms; carry arms; return arms," or "Present arms; order arms; ground arms," if no belts are worn.]

[As soon as the officers are properly seated and the Company in proper position the Consul Commander shall call the Sovereigns to their feet and call for the secret work in the following order. The Company leading in its exemplification.]

1. Flag Salute.
2. Working Sign.
3. Answer to Working Sign.
4. Voting Sign { Affirmative. / Negative.
5. Recognition Sign.
6. Answer to Recognition Sign.
7. Distress Cry.
8. Answer to Distress Cry.
9. Coin Test.
10. Hand Test and Words.
11. Camp Honors.
12. Head Camp Honors.
13. Sovereign Camp Honors.

[Note.—Captains of Companies are required to thoroughly drill their Company in the secret work, that it may be given absolutely perfect, and with the same promptness and precision as the "Manual of Arms."]

Adviser Lieutenant. Consul Commander, the Sovereigns will silently and reverently bow their heads and in self-communion vow to throw aside the vexations, cares and troubles of the outside world and concentrate their thoughts upon the business of the hour, that avarice, selfishness and hatred may be banished from the Forests of Woodcraft.

[All with bowed heads stand silent for a few seconds.]

Con. Com. Sovereigns of Woodcraft, you have exemplified by your silent communion the sentiments and teachings of our Association.

No man can be a true Woodman until he can school himself to control his passions and be generous to his obligated fellows. Let the golden mead of our lessons of silence be remembered if we should be tempted to speak ill of our fellow Sovereigns or of their families. We will now sing our opening ode.

OPENING ODE

Tune—Webb.

Again with welcome greeting,
  Kind Sovereigns, now we come;
To watch and guard the future
  For those we love at home.
Each thankful to the Giver
  Of every earthly claim,
We now ascribe the honor
  Due to His Holy name.
Guard well your treasures, Sovereigns,
  And ever ready be
To help the mourning loved ones,
  When we have crossed life's sea.
Let justice rule your actions,
  And generous conduct own,
That happiness and plenty
  May all our efforts crown.

Con. Com. (Drinks pure water.) Sovereigns, I drink this water, emblem of purity, of life, of power, of progress. (Pouring water from glass.) I pour this pure water back to earth in memory of all deceased Woodmen. And now, Escort, make proclamation that this Camp is opened in form for business under the restrictions of the laws of the fraternity.

Escort. By request of the Consul Commander I make proclamation that this Camp is now opened in form for business under the restrictions of the laws of the fraternity. Watchman, give the signal to the Sentry!

Watchman.

[Gives two raps on door, to which Sentry should respond by two raps.]

The signal has been given.

[Consul Commander gives one rap, Banker one rap, Adviser Lieutenant one rap, and all are seated.]

Company.

[After the Camp is declared open the Captain commands or signals, "Draw arms; take arms; close ranks—march. Right by squads—march," proceeding around the hall once, and on arriving at Adviser Lieutenant's station change direction to the left. The command or signal "Form hollow square—march," is then given, the first squad

advancing straight to the front and mark time when about two paces on Consul Commander's side of the stump. Nos. 1 and 2 of the second and third squads execute right by file; Nos. 3 and 4 left by file (without command) and on arriving at proper position, mark time. The fourth squad closing the remaining space on Adviser Lieutenant's side of the stump. (See figure No. 1, last page.) The command or signal, "Halt," is then given. The Captain then commands or signals, "Face posts; forward—march; halt; about face; order arms; be seated." Two on the right and two on the left of and slightly in front of the four principal officers. The Captain, after the Company is seated, faces about, salutes the Consul Commander and takes his seat on the right of the Consul Commander, corresponding to the position of the Escort.]

[Note.—The Captain and the members of his Company remain seated, axes in position, "Order arms," in their respective stations until the order of business "Ceremony of Introduction" is reached (except when voting on applications or attending to Camp business), when the Captain will give the command "Ground arms," when, if there are candidates in waiting, the Captain will at the proper time reform his Company and proceed as directed in the "Protection Degree."]

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

PROTECTION DEGREE

[More than one applicant may receive the Protection Degree at the same time, it being optional with the Consul Commander.

While sixteen men and a Captain form the complete Company for the exemplification of the degree work (in conjunction with the Camp officers), Companies of a smaller number (twelve or eight men with a Captain) will be recognized for that purpose, though not in contests.

Camps not having Companies may exemplify the work by taking candidate to the different stations as per ritual, omitting the team work, Joseph and monument scenes.]

FOREST PREPARATION BY ESCORT

[1. At Consul Commander's station or stump red light, the beetle, Constitution, goblet of water, a skull, and back of the station a national flag. 2. Green light on Past Consul Commander's stump; also cross bones. 3. White light, axe and oil vessel, containing oil, on Adviser Lieutenant's stump. Back of the station the cross. 4. Purple light, wedge and goblet of water on Banker's station. 5. Near the center of the Forest the stump, an axe imbedded therein with the helve pointing toward the Adviser Lieutenant. Upon the stump place the urn of water and salt vessel, towel on helve of axe.]

CEREMONY OF INTRODUCTION

Con. Com. The Escort will now prepare the Forest for the reception of any stranger

or strangers who may be in waiting to receive the Protection Degree.

Watchman, report if any be in waiting prepared to receive the Protection Degree of this fraternity.

[Watchman will ascertain, and if any in waiting report as follows:]

Watchman. Consul Commander, I find one (if more state how many) in waiting, Mr. ————

Con. Com. Financial Secretary, has the applicant in waiting to receive the Protection Degree complied with all the requirements of our Association?

Financial Secretary. He has.

[If not paid, the Financial Secretary will retire to the anteroom, inquire, return and report.]

Con. Com. Escort, has the Forest been duly prepared, and is everything in readiness to receive and introduce the stranger?

Escort. The Forest is in readiness for his reception.

Con. Com. Escort, you are requested to retire to the anteroom and properly obligate

the candidate. Then conduct him into the Forest and assist the officers in properly instructing him in the mysteries of the fraternity.

[Escort takes skull and retires to anteroom, where the candidate has been hoodwinked by the Sentry, placing within candidate's hands a skull, and shall say to him, as follows:]

Escort. This Camp, having confidence in your discretion and integrity and, after a careful investigation, have voted to admit you into this fraternity. If you have sought to enter the Forest of Woodcraft for any improper motives, it would be better that you now retire and abandon the undertaking. Before we can enter, you are required to make a solemn pledge that you will keep secret the knowledge and mysteries which may be communicated to you. Consider well before deciding and then inform me if you will proceed.

Candidate. I will proceed.

Escort. Then repeat after me this, your pledge of honor: "I do solemnly promise—that I will never reveal—except it be—to one

whom I know—to be an obligated Sovereign —of the Woodmen of the World—anything that may be this night—communicated to me,—by which—the outside world—may obtain any knowledge—of the manner or methods—of receiving,—obligating—or instructing candidates — in the mysteries and work—of this fraternity.—I promise obedience—to the will—of the officers of this Camp,—and will not attach to them—any blame—for the acts—or expressions—during the ceremony—in which—I am about to engage."

[While Escort is in the anteroom obligating candidate the Company will be reformed and governed by the following instruction.]

Company.

To reform the Company from last position taken in "Opening Ceremony," the Captain commands or signals "Company—attention" (the Company rising, standing at "attention"). "Carry arms—reform square—march," when each squad marches straight to the stump and halts. The Captain then signals, "First squad about face; second and third squads front face." The Captain on the left of the leading squads then commands or signals, "Reduce square—march." The first squad advancing to the front, Nos. 1 and 2 of second and third squads and Nos. 3 and 4 of second and third squads right and left oblique into position. The Company is then conducted once around

the room and halted in column of twos, open order, immediately in front of the inner entrance, facing front. The Captain then commands or signals, "Center face; order arms." In this position the Company awaits the coming of the Escort and stranger or strangers.

[When everything is in readiness, the Escort conducts candidate to inner door and gives two raps, which will be responded to by two raps from the inside by the Watchman.]

Company.

The Captain commands or signals, "Company kneel," each man executing regulation kneel, sliding right hand downward and grasping handle of axe at the balance, back of axe 12 inches from the floor, handle horizontal.

Watchman. Consul Commander, the Escort with candidate demands admittance.

Con. Com. Admit him.

[Watchman opening door, allows both to enter, and steps to middle of column, places both hands upon shoulders of candidate, stops him suddenly and says:]

Watchman. Halt! This man is a stranger. By what right does he claim admittance here?

Company.

When the Watchman (standing at middle of the column) commands "Halt," each man strikes his axe heavily

on the floor and immediately rises, assuming the position of "Attention, axes at carry, all facing front."

Escort. He has been regularly elected and has taken an obligation not to reveal that which may be communicated to him.

Watchman. Then let him proceed.

Company.

At the command of the Watchman, "Then let him proceed," the Escort, with candidate, moves forward at the same time the Captain commands or signals, "Forward—march," the two columns advancing with same step on each side of Escort and candidate. The march continues in this order until Adviser Lieutenant commands, "Halt," the Captain having already by silent signal halted his Company, facing in, with axes raised, and as the word "Halt" is spoken by the Adviser Lieutenant the axes are knocked with a clatter over head of the candidate.

Adv. Lieut. Halt! Whence came this stranger and whither is he going?

Escort. He came from the outer world, seeking the Camp of the Sovereigns.

Adv. Lieut. By what right has he entered the Forest?

Escort. By having been duly elected and obligated not to reveal that which he may see, hear or experience.

Adv. Lieut. Then let him proceed with caution and be silent.

[Escort proceeds with candidate to the Banker's stump.]

Banker. Halt! This man is a stranger. We know him not. By what right has he come thus far into our Forest?

Escort. This stranger has been regularly elected, obligated, and permitted to pass the Woodman on guard.

Banker. Then deliver to me the emblem of mortality and conduct him to the stump, where, in the presence of these Sovereigns assembled, he must take a solemn and binding obligation before he can be permitted to proceed.

[Banker places skull on the Consul Commander's station. Escort conducts candidate to stump. Candidate must grasp the helve of the axe.]

Company.

At conclusion of dialogue between Banker and Escort the Company following in column of twos in rear of the

Escort and candidate, the command or signal being "Carry arms, right by twos; forward — march; column left — march." The Escort and candidate proceed around the hall to Adviser Lieutenant's station, when they change direction to the left, taking position back of stump, facing front for obligation. When the Company has arrived at Consul Commander's station the Captain commands or signals, "Column left—march; form wedge—march; halt; right and left face; order arms." (See figure 2 on last page.)

Escort. Consul Commander, this stranger now presents himself for obligation.

Con. Com. Place him in the proper attitude, his right hand grasping the helve of the axe. (Being done, give three raps to call up the Camp and goes to stump.) Stranger, you will now pronounce your name and repeat after me:

"In the presence of the members—of the Woodmen of the World,—in this Camp assembled,—I do solemnly affirm—on my sacred honor—and of my own free will and accord,—that I am in sound bodily health, —to the best of my knowledge and belief,— that I will faithfully obey—the constitution —laws,—regulations—and requirements of this fraternity;—that I will—forever keep

secret—the signs,—words,—work—and private transactions—of this Association—and will not reveal same—to any person,—except he be—a member in good standing.—I will not slander—the good name—of any member of this Association—or that—of any member of his family,—and will defend them—as far as I can—truthfully and consistently do so.—I will,—if needed,—defend,—protect—or assist—a wife,—widow,—father,—mother,—sister—or child of a member, proving to be such.—I will faithfullly guard—the interests of this Camp—and of the fraternity,—and will pay—all just—and legal demands—which may be made upon me—for the payment—of its expenses—and beneficiary obligations.—I will reverence the memory—of deceased Sovereigns—and will render—such assistance—and sympathy—to their dependent ones—as my circumstances—and opportunities may justify, and do hereby—and hereon—proclaim this—to be my voluntary obligation,—which I shall keep inviolate."

[Raps axe or stump seven times with beetle, seven being the Biblical sign of completion.

Members remove their hands and retire to their places.]

Con. Com. Remove the hoodwink and permit the stranger to look upon the Altar of Woodcraft.

[Escort removes hoodwink.]

This axe, an emblem of modern toil and progress, has replaced the ancient headsman's axe, which brought punishment upon the wrong-doer. It reminds us that the present generation is more merciful and that the implements of peace, with its symbols, the dove and olive branch, more fully represent the sentiment of today. Place your hands in this pure water. Let it signify to you that in taking your obligation you have resolved with clean hands to further the benevolent and excellent objects of Woodcraft.

[Candidate dips fingers of both hands in vessel and dries them with towel.

Consul Commander takes in his hand the vessel of salt.]

Con. Com. Place in your mouth a grain of salt, an emblem of hospitality. In Woodcraft, salt is given to a candidate as a token by which he may know that his welcome is sincere and his reception cordial.

The Escort will now conduct you to the Adviser Lieutenant for further instruction.

[Consul Commander returns to his station, gives one rap to seat Camp, and when rap is given Escort conducts candidate directly to the station of the Adviser Lieutenant.]

Company.

As Escort faces about with candidate the Captain commands or signals, "Right and left face (in wedge formation); at trail; forward—march; halt," the Company in wedge formation with Escort and candidate inside moving to Adviser Lieutenant's station. (See figure No. 3 on last page.)

Escort. By the direction of the Consul Commander I present to you this obligated stranger for further instruction.

Adv. Lieut.

[Takes in hand the vessel of oil.]

I hold in my hand a token sanctified by solemn ceremonies of ancient times. Kneel upon your right knee, your body erect.

[As he kneels, Consul Commander gives three raps, calling every member to his feet.]

Receive upon your forehead from the blade of this axe the anointing oil.

[Places oil on blade of axe and lays same on forehead of candidate. Low, solemn music, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."]

This I do to remind you of the sacred ties with which we bind you to this fraternity. Should discord or trouble ever arise, by your kindly words pour oil on the troubled waters, that peace, serenity and harmony may prevail. Arise!

[As he arises, Consul Commander gives one rap to seat the Camp.]

I will give to you two words which, if communicated to the Banker in a whisper, will commend you to his confidence and hospitality. (Gives semi-annual pass words.)

Company.

At the conclusion of the dialogue between the Adviser Lieutenant and Escort, the Captain commands or signals, "About face; reduce wedge; at trail; forward, column left—march," to side of hall. Change direction by command or signal, "Column right," and when station of Past Consul Commander is reached, "Column right," and on reaching the stump the Captain commands or signals, "Form wedge —march," covering Banker's station, Escort and candidate. (See figure No. 4, last page.)

[Escort conducts candidate directly to the Banker's station, arriving before wedge is formed.]

Escort. The candidate will communicate to you the words which he has received from

the Adviser Lieutenant. If correct, he is commended to your hospitality.

[Candidate whispers words to Banker.
Banker hands candidate glass of water to drink.]

Banker. The words communicated to me being correct you will place this offering to your lips and refresh yourself with this pure water. Drink it as a libation, celebrating the cordial greeting with which you have been received within this Forest. There is no lurking demon in a glass of pure water. Its use brings no sorrow and premature death. Temperance is a bridle of gold. Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of virtues. Let me admonish you to be temperate and moderate in all things, and remember that you have been received within this Forest by the token of pure water. It fitly symbolizes the teachings and objects of this fraternity. The Escort will now conduct you to the station of the Consul Commander.

Company.

At close of Banker's charge the Captain commands or signals, "About face; reduce wedge; right shoulder arms; forward—march," proceeding around the hall as he likes, and when reaching Past Consul Commander's station, the

Captain commands or signals, "Right by file—march," and on reaching station of Adviser Lieutenant commands or signals, "Column left — march; form Latin cross — march," the leading three passing on right of stump and mark time, when No. 1 has taken four paces on Consul Commander's side of the stump, Nos. 4, 5 and 6 execute "threes, right oblique," Nos. 7, 8 and 9 execute "threes, left oblique," and each three will mark time when arriving on right and left of stump. The remaining files march forward and when within 30 inches of stump mark time. The Captain then commands or signals, "Company, halt." (See figure 5 on last page.) The Captain takes his position in front of No. 1.

Escort follows Company with candidate, and as soon as cross is formed advances slowly, starting from Adviser Lieutenant's station, following closely on the right-hand side of the four arms of the cross, passing the various stations in the following order:

Banker, Consul Commander, Past Consul Commander, Adviser Lieutenant. On arriving at each station the Escort will halt and say "In mind." The officer thus addressed will arise and say "In heart." The Company in unison will then say "We will serve our Camp."

The circuit of the four stations being completed the Escort advances slowly from the Adviser Lieutenant's station to the station of the Consul Commander, where the following ode to the skull is delivered.

All lights entirely out, except a single light from a bull's-eye lantern or other light on the skull, the team remaining in cross formation.

Con. Com. or Camp Poet.

[Skull in hand, illuminated by flash-light or other

light, Escort standing back of candidate in front of station.]

I.

Behold this skull! How striking and how still,
Sad emblem of mortality. No human skill
Discerns the thoughts that here in life did dwell—
A blissful heaven or terrific hell.
Did startling imagery here find a place?
Or love an idol in a woman's face?
Bitterest hatred may have reigned supreme,
Ambition may have been its idle dream.

II.

Here shone the busy eye, once moist with tears,
For sad misfortune or decrepit years,
Have spoke the silent eloquence of love,
Or borne its message, like the carrier dove,
From heart to heart in far and distant lands,
Uniting all with friendship's golden bands;
Here, too, were placed the windows of the soul,
But now, alas! how senseless and how dull.

III.

Here hung the lips that prayed for sinful man;
Told of the Gospel, and salvation's plan;
Rang forth commands upon the battlefield;
With moving eloquence made senates yield.
Whispered of love to too-confiding maid;
Told secrets they should never have betrayed.
Pressed his dear friend's lips with ecstatic bliss,
Or, Judas-like, betrayed him with a kiss.

IV.

Within this mouldering cavern once was hung
The tuneful, swift and ever-ready tongue;
Discretion's instrument perchance it was,
Nor lent its powers to an evil cause.
The Ninth Commandment may have ever kept,
And spoken praise deserved, while Envy slept,
Foulest detraction never voiced or knew—
So may it be, dear stranger, e'er with you.

V.

In this sad state we all at last must lie,
As this now is, soon will be you and I;
Yet while we live let us be true and just,
And this our motto be: "In God we trust";
And when our earthly pilgrimage is o'er,
May we see this sign on yonder shore, *
And hear a voice triumphantly proclaim,
"Well done, Sovereign. Enter in My name."

*[When the cross is exhibited the Escort shall cause the candidate to turn, facing the Adviser Lieutenant's station, where a brilliantly illuminated cross should be displayed. An appropriate hymn must be sung.]

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

[Key of B flat]

Mine eyes have seen the glory
  Of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage
  Where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning
  Of His terrible swift sword;
    His truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet
That shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men
Before His judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him!
Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Company.

As cross is revealed the Captain signals, "Parade—rest; kneel; rest on axes."

Company.

Captain signals Company to arise and takes position of "Attention—order arms" as soon as the words "Enter in My name" are spoken, and Escort will turn candidate about facing Consul Commander's station, near which an illuminated American flag will be displayed, all joining in singing one verse of "Red, White and Blue," or "America."

Company.

At conclusion of singing, Captain commands or signals, "Carry arms; reduce cross—march." Nos. 1, 2 and 3 march straight to the front and Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and remaining files, follow in numerical order and retire to anteroom to prepare for "Joseph Scene."

[Should the Camp for some reason wish to omit the "Joseph and Monument Scene," the Company will, when column of files is reformed, proceed about the hall, the last squad halting at the Past Consul Commander's station; third squad at Adviser Lieutenant's station; second squad at Banker's station and first squad at Consul Commander's

station, and when all are in position the Captain commands or signals, "Left face; be seated."]

If the "Joseph Scene" is to be given, the Escort conducts the candidate at once to the station of the Past Consul Commander, when the dialogue below takes place.

If the "Joseph Scene" is omitted, the Consul Commander will immediately as soon as the lights are turned on after the "Ode to the Skull" and singing instruct the Escort to conduct the stranger to the anteroom, at the same time requesting a Past Consul Commander to retire and instruct the candidate in the secret signs and work of the Association, beginning with the language found on page 51, "after taking the obligation," etc.

As soon as the Escort, candidate and Past Consul Commander have retired, the Consul Commander will take up the next order of business and proceed in the regular way until the Past Consul Commander and candidate return to the room.

If the "Joseph Scene" is given, preparation for same should be as follows, observe closely:

Eleven members of the Company, to be known as the "Brethren," should put on flowing robes of dark material with suitable head covering, and sandals on the feet, to as nearly as possible represent the historic characters, "Joseph's Brethren." Each brother should carry a shepherd's crook.

A member of the Company should be clothed with a jacket made of red, white, blue, purple and green colored goods, lined in blood-colored red. These colors representing the five colors of Woodcraft. The Sovereign thus clothed is known as "Joseph," and should represent the character as nearly as possible.

Three members of the Company also clothed in ancient

costumes are known as the "Band of Ishmaelites," one of the number acting as speaker for the band.

Past Con. Com. Escort, what seek ye?

Escort. This stranger having taken upon himself the obligation of the Protection Degree, and having been taught the lesson of mortality, now comes to you for his most important lesson.

Past Con. Com. Friend, you have learned some impressive lessons; may you never forget them. When a strong man fails to protect the unfortunate, he exposes a most serious defect in his character, through which he will finally be vanquished. This lesson you must learn as you proceed. Are you willing to learn it?

Candidate. I am.

Past Con. Com.

[Advances to front of candidate, grasps his right hand with his right and candidate's left with his left, or use cross bones, and should say:]

You will repeat after me: "I do solemnly promise before God and these witnesses that, so far as in me lies, I will, to the extent of my physical powers, defend the weak

and helpless; I will honor the memory of the good and true and will remember the worthy poor and needy."

Past Con. Com. If you fail to keep your vow, remember that you will forfeit the respect of all good men.

Escort. (Instructs candidate to say:) "I will keep my vow."

[Escort conducts candidate to Watchman's station and says:]

(At Watchman's station.) Watchman, we would leave the Forest; our friend will keep his obligation.

Watchman. The gates are open. (Placing his hand upon the shoulder of candidate, he should say slowly and distinctly:) Stranger, you have promised to keep your obligation; we shall see.

[Escort and candidate pass into anteroom, and immediately re-enter Forest with the usual two raps and march to a point about half way between the stump and the Financial Secretary's desk, the Escort instructing the candidate to witness that which is about to take place. The Escort then marches to a point about half way between the stump and Past Consul Commander's station, and remains standing there. Several members stand behind candidate. The "Eleven Brothers" with shepherds' crooks now march into the Forest and congregate between the stump and

Auditor's desk, facing toward the anteroom door. Joseph, with his coat of many colors, then enters the Camp with uncertain step, and very slowly walks toward his brethren. As he approaches, the following occurs, deliberately and distinctly:]

[Bring in the candidates separately.]

First Brother. Ha, there comes that dreamer!

[The Consul Commander leaves his station and walks leisurely to the anteroom.]

Second Brother. He is our father's idol.

Third Brother. And his mother's.

Fourth Brother. Curse him!

Fifth Brother. (Joseph having reached his brethren, the fifth brother grasps Joseph by the throat, looking him fiercely in the eye, and says loudly and bitterly:) How I hate you!

Sixth Brother. (Pushing Joseph violently.) Away with him!

Seventh Brother. (Draws dagger and catches Joseph by the hair.) I will kill you!

[The three Sovereigns in the anteroom representing the Ishmaelites, having just entered the Forest, walk slowly up to Joseph and his brethren, standing about five feet away from them.]

Eighth Brother. Hold, brothers! (Clasping uplifted arm of seventh brother:) Bitterly as we hate him, let us not have our brother's blood upon us. Here comes a wandering band of slave dealers; let us sell him.

Brothers. Let us sell him.

[A low, spirited parley should now be held to decide on a story to deceive the father, after which brothers 1, 2 and 3 should take Joseph's coat off, and after sale should turn it inside out to represent the coat dipped in blood, according to Bible history.]

Eighth Brother: (To Ishmaelites) Do you wish to buy a slave?

Ishmaelite Speaker. Have you a slave to sell?

Eighth Brother. Here he is. (Pointing to Joseph.)

Ishmaelite Speaker. He seems to be a strong lad; we might purchase him at a bargain.

Eighth Brother. What dost thou offer?

Ishmaelite Speaker. Fifteen pieces of silver.

Brothers. (Dissenting.) No!

Eighth Brother. It is not enough.

Ishmaelite Speaker. Twenty pieces of silver.

Brothers. No!

Eighth Brother. Place in each man's hand two pieces of silver and the lad is thine.

Ishmaelite Speaker. (After low consultation with his associates.) It is a bargain. Here is thy money.

[The eleven brethren step up to the Ishmaelite and he hands each two pieces of tin or aluminum, cut round in the shape of silver. Each man after receiving his two pieces steps back to his place.]

Ishmaelite Speaker. Give me the lad.

[Brothers 6, 7 and 8 excitedly shove him toward Ishmaelite, who takes Joseph, jerking him violently, and says in an exultant manner, looking at the face of Joseph and delivering his statement with all the venom possible.]

Now thou art mine, for I have purchased thee. Thy body, mind and soul to serve me and myself alone. (Laughingly and in a mocking tone of voice.) No more shall thy fond mother kiss her darling's cheek. Thy father's voice shall call thee but in vain. Thou art my slave. My heel shall press thy

neck. Down on thy knees, slave, and pay homage to thy lord!

Joseph. Sir, I am a freeman born. These are my brethren; they have no power to sell me into slavery. I am not thy slave. I will not kneel to thee or any man.

[Ishmaelites and Joseph's brethren seize him and try to make him bow down.]

Joseph. Help! Help! Will no one help?

[If candidate rushes to Joseph's aid, then the Ishmaelites and Joseph's brethren seize and shake him, when the Escort rushes in and rescues candidate, Joseph remaining in the hands of the Ishmaelites. Consul Commander now rushes in from anteroom to stump and rapping several times upon the stump with beetle, will say:]

Con. Com. Silence! Why this struggle?

Escort. This man attempted to rescue a defenseless brother and I with great difficulty snatched him away from the fury of his enemies.

Con. Com. Noble Escort; thou art a faithful Woodman and a brave Sovereign. Bring him to the stump.

[Seat the candidate and bring in the next candidate, and so on until all are advanced to this point. Those that were faithful are now taken to the stump, the others to the anteroom.

Escort presents candidate at stump, upon the side of the Adviser Lieutenant. The Consul Commander, standing upon the other side of the stump, will say:]

Con. Com. Remember that the aim of true manhood is to help those who are unfortunate. It is the part of every Woodman to break the chains of adversity and bid the bound go free, and as in your manly struggle, stranger, you kept your vow, and when you were overpowered, our Escort sprang to your assistance, so remember that in your effort to aid the helpless you will have the assistance of every Sovereign of Woodcraft.

Escort.

[Escort retires to anteroom with candidate and returns with him for his final charge hereinafter given at the grave.

If the candidate does not attempt to rescue Joseph, then the Sovereigns who stand behind him spring upon him and shake him vigorously, when the Consul Commander rushes in as before, but instead of the previous statements on the part of the Consul Commander and Escort, and instead of the charge just recited by the Consul Commander, the following is done, the Consul Commander rushing in as before to the stump:]

Con. Com. Silence! Whence this commotion?

Past Con. Com.

[Stepping up to candidate and pointing scornfully at him.]

This man has broken his obligation.

Con. Com. I give you credit for your zeal, but know you not that many a good man has been wronged by slander?

Escort. Consul Commander, while you were absent from the Forest a band of brothers entered here and sold their youngest, a bright-eyed lad, to yonder Ishmaelites and when the boy cried out for aid this man heard not his cry, or if he heard he heeded not, though not an hour has passed since he affirmed before Almighty God and these witnesses that he would defend the weak and helpless.

Con. Com. Sovereigns, is this true?

Sovereigns. It is.

Con. Com. (To candidate:) Hast thou excuse to give for this, thine awful wrong? I bid thee speak!

Adv. Lieut. (Approaching candidate and facing Consul Commander.) Consul Commander, this man's reputation is assailed,

and my obligation prompts me to plead in his behalf. He seems to be one who lacks neither courage nor discernment, but the suddenness with which he has been called upon to keep his obligation has surprised and stunned him.

This man stands alone. His wrong is one of omission. He was not the author of the disturbance that summoned you to this presence, and I plead that you will temper justice with mercy.

Con. Com. It is charged that this man has within an hour violated a solemn obligation. Does such a case appeal to the attribute of mercy?

Adv. Lieut.

"The quality of mercy is not strained.
It droppeth, as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath; it is twice blessed;
It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes.
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes
The throned monarch better than his crown;
His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
The attribute to law and majesty,
Wherein does sit the dread and fear of kings;
But mercy is above this sceptered sway.
It is enthroned in the hearts of kings;
It is an attribute to God himself.
Then doth man's power show likest God's,
When mercy seasons justice."

Con. Com. This plea appeals to me, and I will suspend judgment, and place this man upon his honor. (Turning to the brothers and Ishmaelites.) You! betrayers of your own blood, with avarice, selfishness and hatred in your hearts! You! traffickers in human souls! depart in shame! You have no place in the Forest of Woodcraft!

[Brothers and Ishmaelites with Joseph retire, some manifesting shame, others defiance. Escort with candidate also retire. Consul Commander follows to door in a menacing manner.]

TABLEAU.—It is optional with Camps to continue the scene with a tableau, showing Joseph twenty years later as a crowned king dispensing help to the brothers who betrayed him.

Con. Com. Escort, you will now conduct the candidate to the station of the Past Consul Commander, where the secret work will be explained by him.

Company.

As soon as officers are seated and candidate removed the Captain commands or signals, "Right and left face, reduce wedge; forward, column left—march." As Banker's station is passed Captain commands or signals, "Form squads, left oblique—march," and at Adviser Lieutenant's station commands or signals, "Column left, form hollow square—march." The leading squads marching straight to the front, breaking as it reaches the end of grave and com-

ing together at monument. The second and third squads executing right and left by file (without command). The last squad closing the remaining space on Adviser Lieutenant's side of monument, all marking time until the Captain commands or signals, "Halt." The Captain then commands or signals, "Face posts; forward—march; halt; about face; order arms; be seated." Captain salutes Consul Commander and takes his seat on right of Consul Commander.

CONFERRING SECRET WORK

[This may be done by the Past Consul Commander in the anteroom or by Consul Commander in open Camp if the amplified work is not used.]

Con. Com. I will now instruct you in the secret work of the Association.

To enter the Forest, at the outside door give one rap or ring the bell, give the Sentry the first word of the semi-annual words, and if visiting a Camp other than your own, give him the name, number and location of your Camp. He may demand other tests, for the Sentry must be satisfied that you are a member in good standing. Being admitted, after placing upon your left breast the badge of the Association, if any have been provided by the Camp, advance to the inner door and give two raps, which will be responded to by two raps by the Watch-

man, and to him give your name, the name and number of your Camp, if visiting another Camp, and the last word of the semi-annual words. The Watchman will report your name to the Adviser Lieutenant and, if in good standing, he will order you admitted. You will then proceed to the stump and salute the flag; then about face and give the working sign to the Adviser Lieutenant, who will answer by the same sign, and you may be seated. Wishing to retire or change your position in the Forest, you will make request of the Adviser Lieutenant under the working sign and receive his permission. Wishing to take the floor, you will rise under the working sign and address the Consul Commander before making a motion or speaking to the Camp.

I will now instruct you in the several signs and tests of this fraternity:

1. Flag Salute.
2. Working Sign.
3. Answer to Working Sign.
4. Voting Sign { Affirmative. / Negative.
5. Recognition Sign.

6. Answer to Recognition Sign.
7. Distress Cry.
8. Answer to Distress Cry.
9. Coin Test.
10. Hand Test and Words.
11. Mystic Word.
12. Camp Honors.
13. Head Camp Honors.
14. Sovereign Camp Honors.

Be mindful that you do not improperly use these signs and tests; remember your vow never to reveal them.

Our emblems, the dove and olive branch, symbolize peace. Our working tools are the axe, beetle and wedge, characteristic implements of practical Woodcraft and symbolic of our craft. Three raps of the beetle call the members up, two raps call up the officers and one rap calls the Camp to order or seats the members. The log is also an emblem of Woodcraft. It symbolizes a fallen Woodman, who is borne to his last home by loving hands. We do not forget his dependent ones, but furnish them with a suitable legacy which he has with forethought

and faithful observance of his obligations provided for them.

Con. Com. We hope, dear Sovereign, for by that term you are entitled to be hailed, that the consecration that you have this night received and the obligations which you have taken to be a faithful observer of our laws will be impressed upon your heart.

And now, by authority of my office, I declare you regularly introduced into this Camp as a member of this fraternity and entitled to all its privileges.

(Gives three raps.) Sovereigns, permit me to introduce to you Sovereign——. We will greet him with Camp Honors. (All give Camp Honors.)

The Camp will have a recess to congratulate the newly introduced Sovereign.

[After a few minutes the Consul Commander will give one rap with beetle and the Camp will resume business.]

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CLOSING CEREMONY

Con. Com.

[Rises to feet and gives two raps with beetle.]

Banker, fraternally announce to the Sovereigns in your portion of the Forest that we are about to close this session of the Camp.

Banker.

[Rises to feet and gives one rap with wedge.]

Sovereigns, take notice that the Consul Commander is about to close this session of the Camp.

[Remains standing.]

Con. Com.

[Gives two raps with beetle.]

Adviser Lieutenant, fraternally announce to the Sovereigns in your portion of the Forest that the Consul Commander is about to close this session of the Camp.

Adv. Lieut.

[Rises to feet and gives one rap with axe.]

Sovereigns take notice that the Consul Commander is about to close this session of the Camp.

[Remains standing.]

Con. Com.

[Gives one rap with beetle. Banker and Adviser Lieutenant resume their seats.]

Sovereigns, we are about to close this session of the Camp. Is there anything left undone that cannot reasonably be deferred until our next convention?

[If nothing is suggested.]

[The following sentence may be omitted, the same being optional.]

We must not forget to make provision for worthy, needy and way-faring Woodmen within the radius of our Forest. Opportunity is now given any Sovereign desiring to contribute to our Charity Fund, after which the Financial Secretary will announce all collections or contributions made to this fund since our last meeting, including any paid or contributed at this meeting, and he

shall make proper record thereof, and state if all reports and remittances due have been forwarded to Sovereign Camp.

Con. Com.

[Three raps call Camp to feet.]

We will now sing our closing ode.

CLOSING ODE

Tune—America.

Long live our Camp so bright,
Offspring of truth and right,
  Sent from above.
Long may our Sovereigns stand,
A firm, united band,
Strong pillars in our land,
  Our pride and love.

Con. Com.

[Walks to center of room where practical axe should be firmly fixed in top of stump, and, standing between stump and station, raps three times on axe with beetle.]

I now proclaim this session of the Camp duly closed, but before we leave the Forest I grasp the helve of this axe and vow never to reveal any transactions of this meeting. You will each raise your right hand and repeat after me: "I do so promise and vow."

[This being done, exit at pleasure.]

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WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

[The outgoing Consul Commander shall install the officers-elect or shall appoint some member to perform that duty. If either is not present, an Installing Officer shall be elected. No accounting officer can be installed unless he is in good standing and has filed the required bond. Every officer must be installed and the action be recorded before he shall be legally qualified to act.]

Con. Com. Adviser Lieutenant, do you know of any reason why the officers-elect should not be installed?

Adv. Lieut. I do not, Consul Commander.

Con. Com. Banker, do you know of any reason why the officers-elect should not be installed?

Banker. I know of no reason why the officers-elect should not be installed.

Con. Com. Sovereigns in the Forest, do any of you know of any reason why the officers-elect should not be installed? If you do, now is your time to speak.

[If any objection is raised, the matter must be investigated and determined before installation.]

Con. Com. No objections being offered, the Financial Secretary will call the roll of officers-elect, who will advance to the stump, and when all are assembled, shall salute the Adviser Lieutenant with the principal or working sign and retire to the anteroom.

[Officers-elect shall advance to the stump as their names are called by the Financial Secretary, and shall salute and retire to the anteroom, which being done.]

Con. Com. Financial Secretary, are all of the officers-elect in good standing? Are they free from charges, and have the required bonds been filed and approved?

Financial Secretary. I find that all the officers-elect are in good standing, free from charges and their bonds have been approved.

Con. Com. I will appoint Sovereign—— to act as Sovereign Escort; he will now retire to the anteroom and conduct the officers-elect three times about the Forest and then station them in a circle about the stump, the right hand of each to be placed upon the left shoulder of the next officer, thus form-

ing a complete circle of protection about the stump.

Sovereign Escort. I will obey your commands.

[Escort retires to anteroom.

Consul Commander stations himself at stump, holding beetle in his right hand. Escort shall place in the hands of the Consul Commander a human skull, the Adviser Lieutenant a vessel of oil, the Physician an application blank and constitution, the Banker a glass of water, the Financial Secretary the Camp seal, the Escort a dish of water and a towel, the Watchman a cup of salt and a pike-pole, the Sentry a drawn sword, and the Auditors the jewels of the Camp, to be carried in procession and to be delivered to the Installing Officer. Escort arranges officers in line according to rank, advances to door and gives two raps.]

Watchman. (Responds with two raps and opens door.) Who demands admission to the Forest?

Sovereign Escort. The officers-elect demand admission, that they may assume the stations to which they have been elected.

Watchman. (Opening door.) Then let them enter and pass about the Forest in procession and journey to the stump, that they may be installed in due form.

Sovereign Escort. Forward.

[Pass three times around the Forest and form a circle surrounding the stump. Each delivers the article in his hand to the Consul Commander, who places them upon the stump; the officer-elect each places his right hand upon the left shoulder of the next officer, making a complete, unbroken circle, Escort standing in rear.]

Con. Com. Officers-elect, the members of this Camp, reposing confidence in your zeal and integrity, have been pleased to elect you to serve them during the coming year in an official capacity. When you were made Sovereigns of this fraternity you took a solemn pledge to be faithful to your chosen craft. Your vow was accepted as a pledge of honor, that should be held sacred in the eyes of all men. We do not now exact from you any further vows or pledges, but simply remind you of that which you have already taken. The importance of your preferment is greater than the thoughtless would suppose. You are about to be empowered to carry out the wishes of this Camp, to enforce its laws and the laws of the fraternity. The reputation, credit and standing of this Camp will be in your keeping; harmony within the Forest will be a certainty if you act with judgment, moderation and charity.

Let oil be poured upon troubled waters, but fail not to assert and enforce every action which the members decide to be their will. And now, do you each accept the office to which you have been elected?

All. I do.

Con. Com. Will you faithfully perform its duties to the best of your ability?

All. I will.

Con. Com. Then each of you kneel on your right knee.

[Three raps to call Camp to feet. Being done, touch each one gently on top of his head and on left shoulder with beetle, and say:]

In mind (touching head) *and heart* (touching shoulder.) In mind and heart you should serve your Camp; ever on the alert to remember every duty and be sympathetic to those who need gentle words and advice. Arise, officers of the Camp, and listen to my words of instruction. (One rap seats the Camp.)

Sentry, let me admonish you to guard well the portals of this Camp, that eavesdroppers and meddlers may get no knowledge of the transactions within this Forest.

Take this sword of defense (hands him sword).

Watchman, take this pike-pole well in hand (hands him pike-pole). Do your duty. Be exacting in requiring the word and admit no member, except he be in good standing. Place in your mouth a grain of salt (hands him salt).

Clerk, I place upon your breast the jewel of your office. Into your hands we deliver the minute book, roll call and documents pertaining to your office. You will keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of your Camp, draw warrants against the General or Camp Fund and perform your duties in accordance with our Laws.

Escort, your duties are such that you can, by careful attention, assist the officers in doing good and faithful work in guiding and introducing strangers into our Forest; you should convey communications promptly, gather and deliver, or see safely secured, the rituals of the Camp after every session thereof, care for badges, paraphernalia and regalia, and be ever in readiness to do all in

your power to make the meetings pleasant. Dip your hands in this pure water (hands basin).

Financial Secretary, Into your hands we deliver the books, documents and seal of this Camp. Your position is one of great responsibility. One careless act of yours, in failing to notify a member or to keep his account correctly, might cause him to lapse his membership unwillingly and, perchance, deprive his dependent ones of their inheritance. Be exact in your transactions and act promptly at all times. See that remittances to the Sovereign Camp are made promptly, and thus so commend yourself to the Sovereigns as to deserve their commendation of "Well done, thou good and efficient servant." The office and all its belongings are now in your keeping. Take this seal.

Banker, I place upon your breast this jewel of your office. Guard well the treasury of this Camp; be exact, prompt and dignified. The Camp gives you its confidence. You have one thing only to do and that is to merit it. The wedge, the symbol

of your office, is yours; use it as a true Woodman should. Take this water.

Auditors, you are the auditors of our treasury, the only standing committee of the Camp. You are expected to act with conservative interest in advising this Camp. Guard well its property and investments. Do your duty fearlessly; do it well. Your seat is at the left of the Consul Commander.

Physician, your preferment is an honor of no small consequence. Much depends upon your courage and fidelity to your trust. Do not permit friendship to influence you, but hesitate not to expose weakness and defect wherever you find them. Act firmly and decisively, and this Camp will stand by you. Your presence at all meetings of the Camp is desirable. Your seat is at the right of the Adviser Lieutenant.

Adviser Lieutenant, I place upon your breast this jewel of your office. The deco rum, entrances and exits of the Forest are in your charge. The efficient performance of the duties of your station will add much to the pleasure and comfort of the Sovereigns, thus making our meetings pleasant

and attractive, a result greatly to be desired. Advance to your station, place this vessel of oil upon the log at your station, (hands him the oil) take your axe in hand and, thus equipped, do your duty.

Consul Commander, highest in station, you are the last to be clothed with authority. Your associate officers have now assumed their stations. It remains for you to assume command and maintain a general supervision over the affairs of this Camp. Let me admonish you to use your authority with judgment; hesitate not to act when your duty calls; see that every officer does his duty; do not hesitate to remind Sovereigns who may be disposed to be wayward or careless that they tread upon dangerous ground. Commend merit and reprove in gentleness. Encourage fraternal regard and discourage and prevent manifestations of unfraternal conduct. I deliver to you this emblem of mortality; (hands him human skull) place it upon the log at your station. I deliver to you this beetle, the working tool of your station. Proceed to the head of Forest and call the Sovereigns to their feet.

[Consul Commander-elect gives three raps, calls Camp to feet.]

Installing Officer. Sovereigns, give to your officers the Camp Honors. (Being done.) I now declare the officers of this Camp duly and regularly installed into their respective stations and commend them to the confidence and courtesy of the Camp. Let silence be their watchword when tempted to hasty words, and may good will and exact justice be their guiding stars. The Camp will now be seated and the officers, now clothed with full authority, will attend to their respective duties.

[One rap seats the Camp, and the Installing Officer seats himself at the left hand of the Consul Commander.]

(The Degree Team will then seat the officers as in the opening ceremony.)

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INSTITUTING CEREMONY

[The organizing deputy will call meeting to order. A ballot shall be taken upon all the applicants. If three votes are cast against admitting any, then a ballot shall be taken, either upon all separately or by requiring the name of any objectionable applicant to be written upon the ballot. This being done, the instituting officer shall obligate all accepted except three, who shall retire to the anteroom and shall receive the ceremony of introduction in due form. This being done, officers shall be elected and installed, and, when the charter is finally declared closed, the Camp shall be regularly instituted as follows: Place upon the stump the constitution and laws, the axe, beetle, wedge, vessel of salt, vessel of oil, cup of water and human skull.]

INSTITUTING OF CAMPS

Instituting Officer. One more Camp is now to be added to the legion of Camps located in the Forest of the Woodmen of the World. Consul Commander, I deliver to you the Protection Degree of this fraternity. I have directed that the charter will be forwarded to you speedily. The Camp will be enrolled and the name of every Sovereign will be registered. Your Camp will now be

in a position to bestow benefits upon its members and their loved ones. Let its gates be forever closed to the unworthy, but may they always swing inward to admit the worthy to participate with you in the benefits of our excellent fraternity. Lift your standard high; let your banner wave above the storms of opposition; let its staff be well grounded in confidence and hope. Let every Sovereign be silent rather than speak unjustly of other fraternities, but let your voices ring in praise of Woodcraft. And now, by authority vested in me as the representative of the Sovereign Camp of the Woodmen of the World, I proclaim and declare this Camp legally instituted. It shall be independent in the exercise of all the functions of a Camp, subject only to the Constitution and Laws, and the authority of the Sovereign Camp and its officers. (Scatters salt over stump.) By the token of this salt; (delivers human skull to Consul Commander) by the token of this relict of the grave; (dips the beetle, axe and wedge in oil) by the consecration of these tools with oil, which I now deliver to the Consul Commander, (delivers beetle) to the Adviser

Lieutenant, (delivers axe) and to the Banker (delivers wedge) and by this libation of pure water (drinks water) I declare this Camp now instituted and in the hands of its officers and Sovereigns. (Seats Camp.)

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WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

UNVEILING MONUMENT

[When a monument is completed and placed at the grave of a deceased Sovereign, it is recommended that it be unveiled with imposing ceremonies. The following is prescribed for the purpose.]

PREPARATION

[The Consul Commander shall appoint a Master of Ceremonies to make all necessary arrangements in conjunction with the Auditors of the Camp. The monument should be covered with a canvas or cloth drapery, so as to be entirely concealed before the hour arrives for the ceremony.]

AT THE FOREST

[Due notice having been given by the Financial Secretary to all of the members of the Camp, the Sovereigns will assemble at the time appointed. The Consul Commander shall appoint a Captain to arrange and direct the procession. A band of music is desirable. A quartet should be secured and an orator be invited to deliver an address. The relatives of the deceased Sovereign should be invited to be present at the grave and may be escorted from their home to the cemetery and return, at the discretion of the Camp. The procession shall be formed by the Captain and shall march to the cemetery. The officers and Sovereigns should wear the regulation badge or rosette of white and black crape.]

THE PROCESSION

Shall be formed as follows:

1. Band of music. To play sacred music.
2. Master of Ceremonies. To wear black baldric sash.
3. Consul Commander, having in his hands the beetle and silver dish containing salt, walking between the Watchman and Sentry, each bearing a branch of palm or evergreen.
4. Adviser Lieutenant, having in his hands the axe and silver vessel containing oil, walking between the Banker, carrying the wedge and silver water jug containing water, and the Financial Secretary carrying a silver goblet and a pike-pole with white streamer.
5. Escort with the flag or banner of the Camp, draped with white and black.
6. Quartet, carrying odes and hymns.
7. Reader with poem, and the orator.
8. Sovereigns with badges or rosettes.
9. Relatives on foot or in carriages. Proceed to meet relatives and escort them, and thence through the public streets to the cemetery.

AT THE CEMETERY

[The Captain will form the Sovereigns about the monument (securely veiled) and grave, forming a wedge with the point beyond the head of the grave. The officers, quartet, poet, orator and relatives only being admitted within the wedge. In no event shall Sovereigns remove their hats.]

THE CEREMONY

1. **Band.** ("Nearer, My God, to Thee," or other selections of sacred music.)

2. **Quartet.** (Sings appropriate selections.)

3. Con. Com. Esteemed Sovereigns and friends: It has been a custom for centuries to commemorate great events and perpetuate grand achievements by the erection of imposing and enduring monuments. We are assembled, today, to dedicate a monument reared by willing hands and loving hearts, in honor of the name and memory of a Sovereign of the Woodmen of the World. Standing upon this hallowed spot, we are sad and sorrowful. We think of our departed Sovereign with tenderness, his virtues we would magnify and his shortcomings we have buried in the dark recesses of forgetfulness.

We are here to honor his memory and give expression to our respect for those whom he loved best. We are the humble servants to execute his wishes, and unto him and not unto us should be the praise for his wise forethought in conferring upon us the privilege of comforting the bereaved ones for whom he has provided.

The cold stone which shall mark his last resting-place stands like a faithful sentinel to guard his dust and indicate to the world

his devotion to those he loved and to his chosen craft.

It tells a story though mute and motionless.

The passer-by will pause and read the name of a good man and a true Woodman.

It will be an inspiration to him to emulate his life, that he may become worthy of such a tribute.

4. Financial Secretary. (Will place pike pole and streamer at foot of grave.)

5. Watchman and Sentry. (Shall lay branches upon grave.)

6. Quartet. (Sings the following or other appropriate hymn.)

FUNERAL ANTHEM

I.

Among the dead our Sovereign sleeps,
His life was rounded true and well.
And love in bitter sorrow weeps,
About his dark and silent cell.

II.

No pain, no anxious, sleepless fear
Invades his house; no mortal woes
His narrow resting-place come near
To trouble his serene repose.

III.

So let him sleep that dreamless sleep,
Our sorrows clustering 'round his head;
Be comforted, ye loved, who weep!
He lives with God—he is not dead.

[Bold, sonorous music.]

7. Reader (Recites the following poem.)

I.

Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?
Like a swift-fleeting meteor, a fast-flying cloud;
A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,
Man passeth from life to his rest in the grave.

II.

The leaves of the oak and the willow shall fade,
Be scattered around and together be laid,
And the young and the old, and the low and the high
Shall moulder to dust and together shall lie.

III.

The infant and mother, attended and loved,
The mother that infant's affection who proved;
The husband that infant and mother who blessed—
Each, all are away to their dwellings of rest.

IV.

The maid, on whose cheek, on whose brow, in whose eye
Shone beauty and pleasure—her triumphs are by,
And the memory of those who loved her and praised
Are alike from the minds of the living erased.

V.

The hand of the king that the sceptre hath borne,
The brow of the priest that the mitre hath worn;
The eye of the sage and the heart of the brave,
Are hidden and lost in the depths of the grave.

VI.

The peasant, whose lot was to sow and to reap;
The herdsman who climbed with his goats up the steep;
The beggar who wandered in search of his bread,
Have faded away like the grass we tread.

VII.

The saint who enjoyed the communion of heaven,
The sinner who dared to remain unforgiven;
The wise and the foolish, the guilty and just,
Have quietly mingled their bones in the dust.

VIII.

So the multitude goes like the flower or weed
That withers away to let others succeed;
So the multitude comes, even those we behold,
To repeat every tale that has often been told.

IX.

For we are the same our fathers have been,
We see the same sights our fathers have seen;
We drink the same stream and view the same sun.
And run the same course that our fathers have run.

X.

The thoughts we are thinking our fathers would think,
From the death we are shrinking our fathers would shrink;
To the life we are clinging they also would cling,
But it speeds from us all like a bird on the wing.

XI.

They loved, but the story we cannot unfold;
They scorned, but the heart of the haughty is cold.
They grieved, but no wail from their slumber will come;
They joyed, but the tongue of their gladness is dumb.

XII.

They died—aye, they died; we, things that are now,
That walk on the turf that lies over their brow
And make in their dwellings a transient abode,
Meet the things that they met on their pilgrimage road.

XIII.

Yea! hope and despondency, pleasure and pain,
We mingle together in sunshine and rain;
And the smile and the tear, the song and the dirge,
Still follow each other like surge upon surge.

XIV.

'Tis the wink of the eye, 'tis the draught of the breath,
From the blossom of health to the paleness of death;
From the gilded salon to the bier and the shroud—
Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?

8. **Con. Com.** Remove the veil and let God's sunlight shine upon this tribute to our fallen Sovereign.

9. **Master of Ceremonies.** (Will remove the veil.)

10. **Band.** (Plays low, sweet music.)

11. **Quartet.** (May sing some appropriate selection.)

12. **Con. Com.** (With beetle and salt vessel advances to monument and reads the inscriptions aloud, then strikes monument three times with beetle saying:)

Love (one rap), honor (one rap), remembrance (one rap, then sprinkles salt upon monument.) By the token of salt, an element preservative, I dedicate this monument to the memory of Sovereign———— (speaks his name). He speaks, though he be silent.

13. **Adv. Lieut.** (Advances with axe

and oil vessel, strikes monument with axe and says:)

Love (one rap), honor (one rap), remembrance (one rap, places bit of axe in oil and upon base of monument and says:) I dedicate this monument to the memory of Sovereign————————(speaks his name). He speaks, though he be silent.

14. Banker and Financial Secretary. (Advance with wedge, water jug and goblet. Banker strikes monument with wedge and says:)

Love (one rap), honor (one rap), remembrance (one rap.)

[Financial Secretary holds goblet, Banker pours water into it. Both drink and then Financial Secretary pours water on monument.]

Banker. Living, our departed Sovereign accepted a libation of pure water to celebrate his acceptance of the principles of Woodcraft. Dead, we recall his virtues by a libation of pure water (drinks water); we shower his monument with pure water, emblematic of our tears of sorrows (pours water on monument), and pour back to earth (Financial Secretary pours water upon

ground) libation to the honor of all deceased Sovereigns. By the token of water I dedicate this monument to the memory of Sovereign———— (speaks his name). He speaks, though he be silent.

15. **Orator.** (If a very pleasant day, a competent person may here deliver an eulogy upon deceased and the Association.)

16. **Captain.** Attention, Sovereigns! Together with the Camp Honors. (All give honors.)

17. **Con. Com.** May the lessons of this occasion impress our hearts and be reflected in our lives. We shall leave this place conscious that one more obligation has been honored. We know not how soon others will be called upon to pay the same tribute to our memory. Called from the busy scenes of life to contemplate the certainties of death should awaken within us a fresh determination to be faithful to our craft, devoted to our loved ones and always ready to answer the death angel's call. As true and sympathetic Woodmen, let us, by observing the teachings of our craft, be ever ready to defend

each other from the shafts of adversity or misfortune, and to revere the memory of the dead.

18. Master of Ceremonies. Attention! Again give the Camp Honors to the dependent ones of our honored deceased Sovereign. (All give honors.)

19. Captain. (Forms procession; escort relatives home and return to Forest in same order as coming.)

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

FUNERAL CEREMONIES

REGALIA

[The aluminum regalia or Woodmen uniform, also white gloves may be worn, with a badge of white and black, and a button-hole bouquet of flowers, or of evergreen sprigs if flowers are not obtainable, pinned upon the left breast. The badge should be in the shape of a small bow, combining both colors. If the regalia or uniform is not worn the badge may be used only.]

MEETING

[Whenever the time for the funeral of any Sovereign is known, the Consul Commander and Financial Secretary will cause due notice to be given to every member of the Camp of the day and the hour they will be required to meet at the Forest to attend the obsequies. The Adviser Lieutenant will be expected to see that the necessary arrangements are made and that a badge of black or black crape is placed in a conspicuous position upon the door or other appropriate place in the Forest. It will be the duty of the Escort to see that the badges, flowers and other necessary articles are provided for the use of the Sovereigns upon every occasion of this character.

The Sovereigns having congregated at the Forest, the Consul Commander shall give one rap of the beetle and say:]

Con. Com. Sovereigns, we have assembled here today upon a sad errand, that of paying the last solemn acts of respect to a Sovereign of the Woodmen of the World. We are reminded this day more forcibly than ever of the uncertainty of human life, and while we shall sorrowfully place the body of our lamented Sovereign in the tomb, may we all be mindful of the lesson that it may teach us. It now becomes my duty to appoint Sovereign——— (giving his name) as Master of Ceremonies. It will be your duty to arrange the procession, escort the mourners and cortege and attend to all the minor details, that no confusion may occur or the harmony of the cermony will be disturbed.

I also appoint Sovereigns——— (giving names of six members) as pall bearers. It will be your duty to bear the casket and guard it upon its last earthly journey.

I also appoint Sovereign———— (giving his name) as Captain. It will be your duty to command the Sovereigns in the procession, under direction of the Master of Ceremo-

nies, and to see that they march with regularity and decorum.

I now surrender my place to the Master of Ceremonies, who will take charge of the further arrangements.

[The Master of Ceremonies will see that Sovereigns have the appropriate badges, and the Captain will arrange the procession to proceed to the house of the deceased in the following order:]

PROCESSION

1. The Master of Ceremonies with black sash.
2. Consul Commander, between the Watchman and Sentry, both bearing a palm branch or limb of evergreen. Consul Commander to carry a basket of cut flowers.
3. Adviser Lieutenant, Banker and Financial Secretary, bearing axe, beetle and wedge.
4. Escort with regalia in his hand.
5. Auditor carrying flag or banner of Camp draped with white and black crape, and flowers or evergreen.
6. Sovereigns.
7. Quartet with odes and hymns.
8. Pall bearers with flowing band of black crape upon hats.

[This order of procession shall be used in marching to the house, to the church and to the cemetery.

The pall bearers shall form a line each side of the approach to the carriages and shall remain until all of the mourners have taken their conveyances and then march each side of the hearse. The remainder of the fraternity shall precede the hearse.]

FUNERAL SERVICES

[If it is the request of the family of the deceased that the fraternity shall officiate, and if no religious services are desired, the following should be used at the house; but if religious services are held, this ceremony and the one provided to be used at the grave shall both be used at the grave.

The pall bearers shall station themselves three on each side of the casket. If at the grave, the casket shall rest on cross-pieces on top of the grave.

Hymn.—A funeral hymn may be used here by a quartet. See odes and hymns in this book.]

Con. Com. (Standing at the foot of the grave.) Bereaved ones, friends and Sovereigns: Today we mourn with those who weep. This hour we contemplate a scene that may be identical with one in which we may ere long be the silent, lifeless object. Our hearts are sad today and every impulse of our soul is that of sympathy for those who loved our silent Sovereign best. They will look for his coming, but he comes not; they will sigh for his voice, but this silence continues forever. And yet, my friends, he should not be forgotten. He has fulfilled his earthly destiny. The stern, hard battle of life has been bravely fought and, like a true Woodman, has left a worthy heritage in the hands of his fellow Sovereigns, who assem-

ble this day to do his memory reverence. On this solemn and impressive occasion we should pause and reflect upon the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. (The following poem may be omitted if thought best.) The poet has expressed this sentiment in glowing words.

LIFE AND DEATH

Life is the flower that blows,
  Death is the withered leaf;
Life is the grain as it grows,
  Death is the garnered sheaf.

Life is the blazing fire,
  Death is the ash grown cold;
Life is the glittering spire,
  Death is the ruin old.

Life is the whistling gale,
  Death is the calm repose;
Life's the continued tale,
  Death is the story's close.

Life is the flowing stream,
  Death the mysterious deep;
Life is the waking dream,
  Death is the long, last sleep.

—Harry J. Shellman.

The philosopher and the scientist find all their calculations and wisdom futile to long delay the end of their earthly pilgrimage,

But we have brighter hopes. The only perfect book tells of our mortal body, that "It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body." So also it is written: "The first man, Adam, became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. Howbeit, that is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural, then that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth — earthly; and, as it is the heavenly, such are they also who are heavenly; and as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."

These promises fill our hearts with hopes of that glad future, provided by the great Creator for His people, where eternal joy will dispel the sorrows of this short and troublesome existence.

To you, who sorrow, we can but say that every heart here today beats in sympathy with your grief. Look up and not be down-

cast. As we shall soon depart to lay beneath the clods this beloved form, let us forever place the mantle of charity over his faults and remember only his virtues.

[Hymn.—A funeral hymn may be sung by the quartet. See odes and hymns in this book, or band may play solemn and impressive dirge.]

[If above is used at the house, the Master of Ceremonies will now take charge of the casket, permitting all to view the face of the dead, the fraternity last before the mourners. The casket will be deposited in the hearse, the mourners escorted to their carriages, and the procession shall then be formed to proceed to the cemetery.]

AT THE GRAVE

[If the foregoing funeral service is used at the grave, the bearers shall at this place slowly and silently lower the casket into the grave, while the Consul Commander shall read, commencing "Into the silent grave we now consign the mortal remains," etc.]

AT THE CEMETERY

[The Sovereigns shall march to the burial lot and form about it in the shape of a wedge, the point meeting at the head of the grave. No person shall be admitted inside the wedge except the officers, mourners and quartet. The Sovereigns shall not remove their hats, but will remain covered during the ceremony at the cemetery. The pall bearers shall silently lower the casket into the grave.]

Con. Com. Into the silent grave we now consign the mortal remains of our beloved

Sovereign to sleep in the bosom of his mother earth, amid the scenes and among the friends he loved so well. The sod green under the smile of returning spring will lie lightly on his breast; and the forest, "dewy with nature's tear drops," shall grieve over the untimely death of our Sovereign. We are told that all things are created for decay; how fitting, then, that the body shall return to that element from whence it came. The natural returns to nature.

[Master of Ceremonies shall here cast earth into the grave upon casket.]

Con. Com. But the spirit has gone to Him who gave it.

[Hymn.—The quartet shall here sing burial hymn No. 1.]

Con. Com. We shall soon leave this body in the City of the Dead. Mourn not its departure. The spirit shall live in the eternal glories of his Maker. Decay may mark his resting-place; but He, who fashioned and placed this vast globe in its orbit, to move through space around the sun, has said that the soul shall live forever. This truth beautifies the sombre tomb; and as the springtime shall deck the earth with its foliage

and its flowers, and the oak shall again be robed with its green garb, to replace that destroyed by the storms of winter, so mortal shall put on immortality and that which was of earth shall be transformed and become eternal.

Rest on, rest on, in peaceful rest,
  Eternal life God gave.
Here mortals yet unborn will stand,
  Beside his lowly grave.

Nor shall his goodness be forgot,
  While time its record keeps.
But, Sovereigns, mark the sacred spot,
  Where the faithful Woodman sleeps.

[Consul Commander scatters cut flowers into grave.]

May thy name and deeds be ever green and their memory as sweet as the fragrance of these flowers.

Master of Ceremonies. The Sovereigns will now deposit the emblems of remembrance.

[Drops several flowers or evergreen sprigs upon casket.

Sovereigns drop upon the casket flowers or sprigs of evergreen, and the Watchman and Sentry last place their branches over the casket.

Hymn.—While the above ceremony is being done, the quartet will sing burial hymn No. 2.]

Con. Com. Amen and Amen! Peace to those who sorrow. The great Father be their shield and guide, and may His protecting angels guard them from all harm and direct their ways in the path of rectitude and honor.

Sovereigns, we must now depart, but it is with heavy hearts, for one more friend has been added to that great majority beyond the vale. Attention! All together with Camp Honors.

[All give the Camp Honors.]

Master of Ceremonies and All Members. Good-bye and farewell! Peace! Peace! to thee and to thine!

[The procession will return to the Forest in the same order as it came, the pall bearers returning to the home of the mourners and giving attendance to their entrance to their homes.]

FUNERAL HYMN

Selected. Tune—Hebron. L. M.

1. The God of Mercy will indulge
   The flowing tear, the heavy sigh,
   When honored Sovereigns fall around,
   When friends, beloved and kindred, die.

2. Yet not one anxious, murmuring thought
Should with our mourning passions blend;
Nor should our bleeding hearts forget
Their mighty ever-living friend.

3. Parent, Protector, Guardian, Guide—
Thou are each tender name in one.
On Thee we cast our every care
And comfort seek from Thee alone.

4. To Thee, our Father, would we look,
Our Rock, our Portion and our Friend,
And on Thy gracious love and truth
With humble, steadfast hope depend.

BURIAL HYMN No. 1

Selected (Adapted). Tune—Hamburg. L. M.

1. Unveil thy bosom, faithful tomb!
Take this new treasure to thy trust,
And give these sacred relics room
To slumber in the silent dust.

2. No pain, no grief, no anxious fear
Invade thy bounds; no mortal woes
Can reach the peaceful sleeper here,
So gentle is thy last repose.

BURIAL HYMN No. 2

Selected (Adapted). Tune—Ortonville or any C. M.

1. Affliction is a stormy deep,
Where wave resounds to wave;
Though o'er our heads the billows roll,
We know there's one to save.

2. When darkness and when sorrows rose
And pressed on every side,
Our hope hath still sustained our steps
And still has been our guide.

FUNERAL ANTHEM

1. Among the dead our Sovereign sleeps—
   His life was rounded true and well,
   And love in bitter sorrow weeps
   About his dark and silent cell.

2. No pain, no anxious, sleepless fear
   Invades his house; no mortal woes
   His narrow resting-place come near
   To trouble his serene repose.

3. His name is graven on the stone,
   That friendship's tears will often wet,
   But each true Sovereign's heart upon
   That name is stamped more deeply yet.

4. So let him sleep that dreamless sleep,
   Our sorrows clustering 'round his head.
   Be comforted, ye loved, who weep,—
   He lives with God—he is not dead.

[Bold, sonorous music.]

FUNERAL CHANT

Out of the depths I have cried unto Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!
Let Thine ears hearken to the voice of my supplication!
If Thou, O Lord, shalt mark our iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?
For with Thee there is mercy, and by reason of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord!
My soul hath rested on His Word; my soul hath hope in the Lord!
And He shall redeem Israel from all its iniquities.
Give unto him eternal rest, O Lord!
And unto him let shine perpetual light.

FUNERAL HYMN

1. As distant lands beyond the sea,
   When friends go thence, draw nigh;
   So heaven, when friends have thither gone,
   Draws nearer from the sky.

2. And as those lands the dearer grow,
   When friends are long away,
   So heaven itself, through loved ones dead,
   Grows dearer day by day.

3. Heaven is not far from those who see
   With the pure spirit's sight,
   But near and in the very hearts
   Of those who see aright.

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WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

ANNIVERSARY AND MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

(Annually, June 6th)

[It is recommended that the sixth day of June be set apart by every Camp, to be observed by appropriate demonstrations and ceremonies to celebrate the promulgation of Sovereign Woodcraft and honor the memory of deceased Sovereigns by strewing their graves with flowers. There should be a public procession in the afternoon with music and emblematic floats illustrating the objects of the Association as elaborately as the resources at hand will justify, followed by public speaking, music, etc. In the afternoon there should be memorial services in honor of deceased Sovereigns, if there are any at rest in the town. The following program, arranged by Sovereign H. N. Haines of Greeley, Colo., being recommended:]

Annual Memorial Services, June 6th

REGALIA

[The regulation uniform or badges, a special ribbon, memorial badge, button-hole bouquet and white gloves.]

MEETING

[Members are expected to meet at the Forest at the hour decided upon by the Camp or the Consul Commander. The Adviser Lieutenant will see that the necessary arrangements are made, unless a committee has been appointed for that purpose.

It is the duty of the Escort to see that badges, flowers and other necessary articles are provided, unless a special committee has been appointed for that purpose.]

WOODMEN FOREST MEETING

[The Sovereigns having congregated, the Consul Commander will give one rap of the beetle and say:]

Con. Com. Sovereigns, we have assembled to organize for memorial services and to arrange for giving tokens of loving remembrance to our deceased Sovereigns. When nature has put forth her buds and the flowers are blooming in fragrance, it seems a fitting time to recall the memory of those who have stood with us in the past. May we all be mindful of the lesson that this ceremony teaches us.

It now becomes my duty to appoint Sovereign———as Master of Ceremonies. It will be your duty to arrange the procession and command the Sovereigns in the procession this day and to see that they march with regularity and decorum. I now surrender my place to the Master of Ceremonies, who will take charge of the further arrangements.

[The Master of Ceremonies will see that the Sovereigns have appropriate badges, wreaths, flowers or what-

ever is provided for the occasion, and will arrange the procession to proceed to the cemetery in the following order:]

PROCESSION

[1. Band. 2. Master of Ceremonies. 3. Flag of the Association and Camp banner. 4. Sovereigns in double file. 5. Escort with memorial emblem and Physician. 6. Watchman and Sentry. 7. Banker and Financial Secretary. 8. Consul Commander and Adviser Lieutenant. 9. Relatives of deceased Sovereigns and choir. 10. Invited Camps and societies.]

AT THE CEMETERY

[The Sovereigns will march from the entrance of the cemetery to the burial lot of the first deceased Sovereign whose grave is to be decorated. When they approach the lot they will open ranks, while officers march through and all form about the grave in the shape of a wedge, the point meeting at the head of the grave, officers and relatives of deceased advancing to the inside of the wedge. Music by the band.]

EXERCISES AT THE GRAVE

Con. Com. We meet to decorate the graves of our deceased Sovereigns, thus to honor their memory and express our appreciation of their worth; to strengthen the fraternal bond among ourselves by recalling to memory the experiences common to us all; to encourage a more generous charity for our Sovereigns; to show the necessity of

caring for the widows and orphans requiring our assistance, by the prompt payment of assessments, and to emphasize in the hearts and minds of all who may unite with us the privilege and duty of affording security for our loved ones when we have passed from our earthly life, and our hands, stilled by death, can nevermore provide for them.

[Music by choir. Brief memorial address by Sovereign to whom the duty is assigned.]

Adv. Lieut. (Recites poem.)

Rest on, rest on, in peaceful rest,
Eternal life God gave.
Here mortals yet unborn will stand
Beside his lowly grave.
Nor shall his goodness be forgot
While time his record keeps,
But Sovereigns mark the sacred spot
Where the faithful Woodman sleeps.

Escort. (Places memorial emblem on grave.)

Banker. May thy name and deeds be ever green in our memory and thy excellencies as sweet as the fragrance of these flowers unto future generations.

Master of Ceremonies. The Sovereigns will now deposit the emblems of remembrance.

[The Sovereigns will here place upon the grave flowers, wreaths and other appropriate emblems. While this is being done, music will be furnished.]

Con. Com. Sovereigns, we will now give the Woodmen honors. Honor the dead by respect for their loved ones living.

[All give Woodmen honors. Master of Ceremonies will then reform procession and all proceed to decorate remaining graves of every deceased Sovereign, marching to other cemeteries in the town or city and decorating the graves of Sovereigns therein. The march will then be resumed to entrance of cemetery, return to Forest and adjourn until time for forming the public procession in the afternoon.

Afternoon.—It is recommended that a public procession be formed and march through the principal streets during the afternoon; that proper decorations be provided and suitable arrangements be made to create a favorable impression in the minds of the public and thus further the interests of the Association and fraternity.]

PUBLIC PROCESSION

[1. Band. 2. National flag and Woodmen flag. 3. Master of Ceremonies. 4. Camp banner. 5. Consul Commander carrying a large beetle on shoulder, between the Watchman and Sentry, both bearing leafy branches. 6. Adviser Lieutenant (carrying large axe on shoulder) and Physician. 7. Banker and Financial Secretary. 8. Escort and orator. 9. Auditors. 10. Sovereigns. 11. Invited Camps arranged in same order as the Camp. 12. Emblematic floats. 13. Invited civic, military and other societies. Sovereign or Head Camp officers, if present, will be assigned a place after No. 10. The procession will parade the principal streets and, returning to the Forest, may disperse to meet at a public meeting or entertainment in the evening.]

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WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

DEDICATION OF WOODMEN HALL

[The following program was arranged and the "Objects of Woodcraft," "Woodcraft and Labor" and the Dedication Ceremony was written by Sovereign Adviser and Head Consul F. A. Falkenburg and affectionately presented for the use of the Woodmen of the World.]

PROGRAM AND DEDICATION CEREMONY

First: Opening ode. (Quartet or Camp.)
Second: Objects of Woodcraft. (See Note 1.)
Third: Brief History—Woodmen of the World.
Fourth: Musical selection. (Vocal or instrumental.)
Fifth: Brief history of jurisdiction.
Sixth: Brief history of Camp.
Seventh: Musical selection. (Vocal.)
Eighth: Evolutions — Company with axes. (Instrumental accompaniment.)
Ninth: Musical selection. (Vocal.)
Tenth: Our new Forest. (See Note 2.)
Eleventh: Dedication of hall. (See Note 3.)
Twelfth: Closing ode. (Quartet of Camp.)
Thirteenth: Refreshments. (If desired.)

Note No. 1.

OBJECTS OF WOODCRAFT

[The following should be read effectively by a Sovereign appointed by the Consul Commander:]

Woodcraft is to ennoble its membership; to minister to the afflicted; to relieve distress; to seek employment for those without it; to cast a sheltering arm about the defenseless living; to give honorable burial to our sacred dead; to place a permanent token of our esteem upon his grave, if he so wills it; to so impress the grand doctrine of the brotherhood of man upon our membership as to make it an important factor in our daily lives; to encourage broad, charitable views; to make us more intelligent citizens, truer friends, gentler sons, more thoughtful brothers, more considerate husbands and more reasonable fathers.

It is for fraternal benefits upon fraternal principles. It is for business benefits upon sound, conservative business principles. It is for social benefits upon the highest social principles known to the moral law. It is a happy intermingling of fraternal, social and business relations, each standing upon its own merits, each having its own individuality, each being responsible for its own department. While one, yet three—a finite trinity, the trinity of a human life, fraternal, social and financial.

Note No. 2.

OUR NEW FOREST

[A member of the Camp should be selected by the Consul Commander to present appropriate remarks with reference to the new Forest being dedicated, drawing such lessons from a Forest as may seem to him to be appropriate to the teachings of Woodcraft, closing with an appeal to the membership to work for the further upbuilding of the craft as follows:]

WOODCRAFT AND LABOR

Woodcraft asks not what are the clothes man wears, with what textures and ornament he adorn the body, but "What are the furnishings of his mind and heart?"

The pioneer Woodmen were not idlers. "They earned their bread by the sweat of their brows," and the reward of their toil was sweet to them. And so in our modern Forest of Woodcraft we honor the humble instruments of honest toil. The beetle, axe and wedge are the emblems of the Woodmen of the World.

Work—For mutual improvement.
Work—For mutual enjoyment.
Work—For mutual protection.
Work—For the good of humanity.

Work—That there may be less of misfortune and misery.

Work—That there may be more of prosperity and happiness.

Work—That there may be more of good and less of evil in the lives of men.

Work—That there may be more of generosity, charity, mercy, and less of greed and oppression.

Woodcraft teaches each man to do his part, to work for the best good of the greatest number, and promises a most gratifying and substantial reward.

Note No. 3.

DEDICATION CEREMONY

[The Dedicating Officer will occupy Consul Commander's station. Each officer of the Camp will occupy his proper station excepting Consul Commander, who will sit at the right of Dedicating Officer. Each officer will have the emblem which he is to present at the stump in readiness at his station.]

Dedicating Officer. Sovereigns and friends: We have assembled on this occasion to formally and legally dedicate this Forest to the Woodmen of the World. The history of our Association, Jurisdiction and Camp

you have been made familiar with by those who have preceded me and remarks have been made with reference to the Forest which we are to dedicate tonight. We congratulate this Camp and the Association at large upon the energy and loyalty which has been displayed by our local membership in thus providing a permanent home for this grand exponent of fraternity in our midst. Officers of the Camp, proceed.

Auditors. (The three Auditors will advance to the stump, each carrying one of the principal emblems of the Association. The first the beetle, the second the axe, the third the wedge. Facing the dedicating officer, the three emblems will be placed on the stump in the order named, the three Auditors will return to their station and remain standing.)

Sentry. (Will advance to the stump, lay the pike-pole on it and return to his station.)

Watchman. (Will advance with shepherd's staff, lay it on the stump crossing the pike-pole and return to his station.)

Escort. (Will advance with vessel of

salt, place it on stump and return to his station.)

Physician. (Will do likewise with examination blank.)

Financial Secretary. (Will do likewise with the record book and seal of Camp.)

Banker. (Will do likewise with pitcher of water.)

Adv. Lieut. (Will do likewise with vessel of oil.)

Con. Com. (Will do likewise with constitution and charter.)

Past Con. Com. (Will do likewise with human skull.)

Dedicating Officer. (Three raps with beetle.) Officers and Sovereigns, join with me in giving the Woodmen Honors for this Camp, Woodmen of the World. (Being done.) The Head Camp Honors. (Being done. Sovereign Camp Honors. (One rap with beetle.)

The altar of Woodcraft is a stump. It was from this altar that was first announced on this continent the rights and equality of

men. On this altar our Auditors have placed the working tools of Woodcraft: The beetle, axe and wedge, emblems of labor. As the sturdy Woodmen with these tools subdued the wild forests for civilization, so we, as speculative Woodmen, endeavor with them to overthrow all obstacles to the development of mankind, morally, socially and fraternally.

Our Sentry has placed on the altar a pike-pole, emblematic of useful labor and protection.

The Watchman deposited a shepherd's staff, reminding us of Joseph and his brethren, and how he forgave them and befriended their wives and little ones when in distress, exemplifying by his life: Love, honor and remembrance — three words which Woodmen should never forget.

Our Escort has placed on the altar an emblem of the hospitality of the ancients. Hospitality was a prominent feature of pioneer days, from which Woodcraft derives its beautiful lessons.

The Financial Secretary has placed on

the altar the records and seal of the Camp, reminding us of the necessity of accuracy in the keeping of our accounts, and legally recording and executing the transactions of the Camp.

The Banker has placed pure water on the altar, reminding us that "Temperance is a bridle of gold" and that water is the natural beverage of the forest.

The Adviser Lieutenant has placed on the altar a vessel of oil, reminding us that we should "pour oil on troubled waters, that the storms of passion may subside, that peace and serenity may prevail" within our walls.

The Consul Commander has placed on the altar the constitution of this Association and the charter of the Camp, reminding us that we must be obedient to our laws and protect the charter of our Camp.

The Past Consul Commander has placed on the altar a human skull, reminding us that in life we are in the midst of death; that we are journeying rapidly to the grave and that it is the part of wisdom and affection for us to protect and provide now for those we love.

And now, by virtue of the authority vested in me as acting Sovereign Commander, I officially dedicate this Forest to the Woodmen of the World. I dedicate it in the name of "Love"; (One rap with beetle.) I dedicate it in the name of "Honor"; (One rap with beetle.) I dedicate it in the name of "Remembrance"; (One rap with beetle.) I dedicate it in the name of "labor" with the beetle, axe and wedge; I dedicate it with the "pike-pole" in the name of protection for country, home and friends; I dedicate it with the "staff" of the shepherd lad who, by his example, has taught us to return good for evil; I dedicate it with "salt" in the name of hospitality, generosity and charity; I dedicate it with the science of "medicine," which protects the Camp and the Association from an unsafe and undesirable membership; I dedicate it with the science of "mathematics," which deals justly with every Sovereign and with the widows and orphans of our deceased Sovereigns; I dedicate it with "pure water"; I consecrate it with "oil"; I dedicate it with its "constitution and charter" in the name of law; I dedicate it with a "human skull," em-

blem of the uncertainty of life; I dedicate it with the "olive branch" and "dove of peace." Looking to heaven, I dedicate it to the "fatherhood of God." Extending my hands, I dedicate it to the "brotherhood of men." *Dum tacet, clamat.*

Dedicating Officer. Esteemed Financial Secretary, you will at once notify the Sovereign Commander that this Forest was officially dedicated to the Woodmen of the World by me, acting in his stead, by virtue of his appointment, this day.

Chairman, I return herewith to you the beetle of the Camp. (Dedicating Officer takes seat at right of Sovereign who has presided over meeting.)

Consul Commander. (Calls up the Camp.)

Give the Sovereign Camp Honors as an evidence of our appreciation of the dedication of this Forest to the uses of Perfected Woodcraft. (Being done, seats the Camp.)

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

CORNER STONE PREPARATION

(To be used in laying a corner stone of a new building)

PREPARATION

[Whenever a request is made for the Camp to dedicate a corner stone of a new building, the Escort will see that all the properties herein required are provided. The Consul Commander shall appoint a committee of three members to make all necessary arrangements. Every member should be notified by the Financial Secretary to be present and, when practicable, neighboring Camps should be invited to participate.]

AT THE FOREST

[The Consul Commander shall preside and fully explain the requirements from each participant in the ceremony. Its effectiveness can be very much increased if each officer will memorize his lines so they can be recited without books. The Master of Ceremonies should be appointed by the Consul Commander and the several parts assigned several days before the ceremony, that all may perfect themselves, and the Sovereigns should be drilled by the Master of Ceremonies in the movements to be made.]

PROCESSION

[A procession shall be formed at the Forest in the following order. Master of Ceremonies in command:

1. Band.
2. Escort with American flag; a member with Camp banner.

3. Consul Commander carrying beetle between Watchman and Sentry, each carrying basket of flowers.

4. Adviser Lieutenant carrying oil vessel and axe between Financial Secretary carrying salt vessel, and Banker carrying flagon of water and wedge.

5. Past Consul Commander, costumed as an old man, carrying fruit and grain in fancy basket or cornucopia.

6. A member, costumed as a mechanic, with square paper cap on head, carrying trowel.

7. Auditors, each carrying a large key (can be made of wood, 30 inches long and gilded or silvered.)

8. Other Camps and Camp delegates.

9. Members of the Camp, wearing badges (form members two files, six feet apart, side and back.)

10. Sovereign Camp and Head Camp officers.

11. City officials and other distinguished persons.

12. Fraternal and civic societies invited to participate.

The procession should proceed through the principal streets, when practicable, and to the corner stone to be dedicated.]

CORNER STONE CEREMONY

[The corner stone should be suspended from a crane, so as to be lowered to place at the proper moment. The mortar should be spread by the stone mason in charge before ceremony begins. The Consul Commander, Adviser Lieutenant, Banker, Financial Secretary, Past Consul Commander, Watchman, Sentry, Mechanic, Auditors, band, quartet of singers and orator should gather about the corner stone. The members shall form a half circle about them, as nearly as practicable.]

PROCEEDINGS

1. **Music.** (By band or quartet.)

2. **Con. Com.** We are assembled today to appropriately lay and dedicate this cor-

ner stone, around and above which will soon appear a stately edifice, of which our citizens may well be proud. By this ceremony we compliment the person, or persons, who had the enterprise to promote the project. To whom credit may be due for assuming its construction, we now give unstinted commendation. The members of the Woodmen of the World appreciate progress in material affairs as well as in science and letters. While their inspiration may come from the forest and their traditions may lead their thoughts back to the primitive woods, to a time when those "green-robed senators of mighty woods, tall oaks, branch-charmed by the lowest stars, dream, and so dream, all night without a stir;" yet we realize, today, that clearings all over the land are occupied by bustling cities and towns, and corner stones are being placed daily, without ceremony, pomp or display, in the foundations of massive structures devoted to commerce, and the useful arts and manufactures.

But this is a notable occasion in the history of our town. We are about to dedicate the corner stone of a structure in which the

entire community feels an interest. Be attentive, therefore, to the words of wisdom.

3. Music. (By band or quartet. Lively music.)

4. (The mechanic [member] shall take some mortar on his trowel and spread it on the top of the bottom stone and say:)

I spread this soft bed of mortar, upon which shall repose this corner stone. "Power rests in tranquility." This mortar, like true Woodmen or friends, will fasten together in bonds hard to separate or estrange.

5. (Lower the corner stone to place. When done:)

6. Adv. Lieut. (Raps stone seven times with axe and pours oil on stone.) By the anointing of this stone with the sacred oil of Woodcraft we dedicate it to its purpose. It lays here an emblem of enterprise and life. May those who shall gaze upon it experience renewed ambition to benefit their fellows.

Let this stone signify firmness and solidity of resolve to heed the cries of distress which Woodcraft enjoins. Again (raps six

times) I dedicate this stone as a monument of enterprise and progress in sentiment as well as material things.

7. Financial Secretary. (Scatters salt over stone.) By the symbol of this salt, preservative, I dedicate this corner stone, that the passer-by, be it in the springtime or chastening autumn, or in summer, that unbars our gates and carries us forth amidst the ever-renewed wonders of the world, or in winter, that gathers us around the evening hearth; he may say that stone tells a silent story of good will to man. Again (scatters salt) I dedicate this stone as a token of enterprise and labor. It was given to man a crude mass of material; enterprise and labor has fashioned it into an object of beauty; the art of fashioning it is better than the thing itself, for it idealizes labor.

8. Banker. (Pours water on stone.) I pour this water, "the universal medicine of life," upon this stone. This water, "cleanser of all things, the genesis or source of all," fully symbolizes the purity of motive which inspires this construction. (Drinks water.) I drink this water, a libation sanctioned by

all men, as the token of fellowship and fraternity. Within these walls industry and mental discipline will better mankind, and add to the wealth and knowledge of the world. Again (strikes stone with wedge five times) I dedicate this corner stone that it may evidence to future generations the thoughts and aspirations of our time.

9. Past Con. Com. (Scatters fruit and grain on the stone.) I put upon this stone these emblems of life, the fruit and grain, symbols of the bounty of nature, as a fit offering of Woodcraft in honor of this occasion.

Experience proves the advantage of such a structure. It creates confidence and increases values; it is of practical benefit to every citizen; it excites emulation and entitles its builder to the thanks of the community. Its graceful designs, artistic curves and general arrangements do credit to its architect, and the artisan and laborer are benefited.

It gives greater life to our town, and most positive assurance of its future progress.

Again I declare that I dedicate this cor-

ner stone for its useful purpose. *Dum tacet, clamat.*

Watchman and Sentry. (Deposit flowers on stone.)

10. **Con. Com.** "Flowers are the beautiful hieroglyphics of Nature, with which she expresses how much she loves us." "Flowers, leaves, fruit, are the air-woven children of light." "Like saintly vestals, pale in prayer, their pure breath sanctifies the air." By the token of these fragrant flowers (raps beetle on stone four times) we dedicate this corner stone. (Raps beetle on stone three times.) By this anointing with oil we dedicate this stone. (Raps beetle on stone twice.) By the preservative offering of salt we dedicate this stone. (Raps beetle on stone once.) By the libation and showering of pure water, and by the scattering of fruit and grain we dedicate this stone. May it endure for generations and, though silent, speak the story of its usefulness. Woodmen, give the Sovereign Honors. (Being done, one rap with beetle.)

11. **Music.** (By band or quartet.)

12. **Oration.** (By a capable speaker.)

13. **Music.** (By band or quartet.)

14. **Auditors.** (Wave keys over stone. Escort waves the national flag over the stone.)

15. **Master of Ceremonies.** (Thanks the people for their attention and orders procession to form in same order as they came.)

16. (Return to the Forest and disperse.)

CAMP JEWELS

The following are the authorized jewels to be worn by officers of Camps:

Past Consul Commander—Crossed Beetle and Axe.

Consul Commander—Crossed Beetles.

Adviser Lieutenant—Crossed Axes.

Banker—Crossed Wedges.

Financial Secretary—Crossed Quill Pens.

Escort—Crossed Pike-Poles.

Physician—A Caduceus.

Watchman—One Pike-Pole.

Sentry—One Sword or Spear.

Auditors—Book, Pen laid thereon.

Deputy—One Axe.

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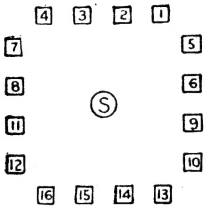
FOREST CIPHER

Oak—a. Walnut—b. Hickory—c. Pine —d. Poplar—e. Beech—f. Maple—g. Sycamore—h. Cinnamon—i. Apple—j. Peach—k. Cherry—l. Fig—m. Orange —n. Plum—o. Magnolia—p. Palm—q. Quince—r. Linden—s. Cedar—t. Ironwood—u. Willow—v. Yew—w. Mahogany—x. Rosewood—y. Mulberry—z.



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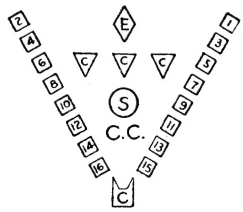

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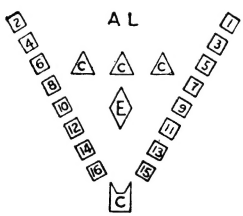

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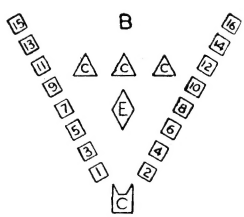

FIG. 4.

EXPLANATION OF CUTS

C. C.—Consul Commander.
A. L.—Adviser Lieutenant.
B.—Banker.
C, at point of wedge—Captain.
S.—Stump.
E.—Escort.
C. C. C.—Candidates.

The figures represent the sixteen members of the Company.

CORRECTIONS

On page 19, paragraph 3, after the word "stump," insert: "and should walk the candidate once around the hall, allowing the team sufficient time to reform into position. After Escort and candidate pass through line at Adviser's station, team comes to carry arms, close ranks, face front, twos left and halt on line, remaining at the 'carry' in this position until the close of the dialogue between Banker and Escort."

On page 20, lines 1 and 2, omit "Carry arms."

On page 21, last paragraph, omit "Members remove their hands and retire to their places."

On page 30, paragraph three, last line, change the numeral to "41."